

II. REMARKS

A. Preliminary Remarks

Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner for a telephone conference on June 30, 2009 during which the Examiner requested that Applicants record the assignment for the above-identified patent application. Applicants filed electronically the assignments on June 30, 2009 and have received the electronic confirmation receipts.

B. Double Patenting

Pending claims 44, 47-48, and 61-62 stand rejected over US Patent 6,017,732 under the doctrine of non-statutory double patenting. *See* pages 4-5 of the Office Action.

To expedite prosecution of the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit with this response a terminal disclaimer which disclaims any term granted on the above-identified patent application that runs past the expiration date of U.S. Patent No 6,017,732.

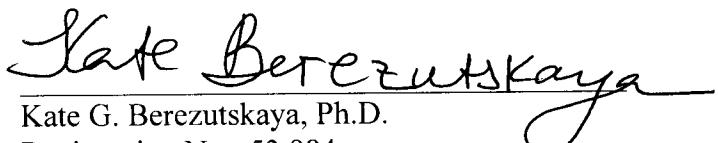
III. CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the instant application is now in condition for allowance and early notification to this effect is solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at the (312) 846-5622.

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